

TRIAL OF VAWTER AS HETH'S SLAYER BEGINS

Amazing Rapidity Shown at Start
in Selecting Jurors.

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ing was the scene of such activity as it has not seen for six or seven years, since the famous Sekiridge murder trial here. By 8 o'clock the streets were crowded with witnesses, venemen, and just interested spectators, although there was little prospect of the case getting under way for hours. Witnesses had been coming in ever since yesterday. First Lieut. Clement C. Heth, brother of the slain man, was among the first to arrive. At about the same time came Miss Ethel Brown, of Baltimore, a young woman of mystery, who is expected to be one of the witnesses.

Prof. and Mrs. Vawter arrived by motor from Blackburg last night and at once proceeded to the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Evans, whose guest they will be during the trial. Although it is certain that Vawter's plea will be based upon "defense of the sanctity of the home" and Mrs. Vawter have been living ever since the tragedy as if nothing had happened.

At 9 o'clock this morning the old bell on the courthouse pealed out its hoarse call and the grand jury assembled in the courtroom. He remained cloistered for some time with the investigators. Meanwhile the courtroom was rapidly becoming crowded.

Judge Moffett spent his waiting time in routine business, entering decrees in chancery, granting soft drink licenses, and the like.

Two Girls Appear.

In the meantime two more witnesses came in, Miss Eleanor V. Jones, librarian at V. P. L., and Miss Emma Garrison, nurse at the Blackburg hospital, where Heth was taken when wounded.

Both are pretty and young. They are to be prosecution witnesses and were at once conducted to a private chamber by Commonwealth's Attorney Roop.

As the morning wore on and the time came nearer and nearer for the selection of a jury the lawyers gradually began to drop the veil of secrecy with which they have been surrounding the case. They explained that their only reason for withholding all sensational details of the case from the public had been because it would have been impossible to find a jury in the county once they were published.

It is so generally reported, that no doubt is longer felt, that the technical plea of the Vawter counsel will be self-defense. That this will in reality be interwoven with the "unwritten law" is a foregone conclusion.

However, although there never has been an unwritten law conviction in this State, the Virginia statutes do not recognize it as a plea. Lawyers explain that the only way in which it can be utilized as a valid plea is when it is used as the basis for a hypothesis of insanity. That is, that the prisoner, at the time of the crime, became momentarily unbalanced and commits the crime.

After a wait of a few minutes, during which time counsel conferred, each side announced it was ready. Vawter was called upon to stand, while Clerk George W. Wilson read the indictment.

Erect and apparently emotionless, Vawter stood beside his counsel while the clerk droned through the dreary language of the indictment, interrupted every now and then by a sharp correction by Attorney Lee. At the conclusion came the stereotyped words:

"Prisoner at the bar, do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty," Vawter replied in clear tones. Then he sat down.

There was another delay, during which Vawter withdrew for conference with his counsel. At the conclusion Mr. Calhoun moved to quash the venire for the petit jury on the ground of irregularity.

This motion was overruled by Judge Moffett, and the examination of witnesses began at once.

ENTERTAIN CUBAN ENVOYS

Minister and Mme. de Cespedes Give Tea for Military Commission.

The Minister of Cuba and Mme. de Cespedes entertained at tea yesterday afternoon in compliment to the military commission from Cuba, which reached Washington yesterday to confer with the United States authorities.

The tea was informal, the guests including only members of the legation staff, with their wives, and members of the commission, which is headed by Col. Jose Marti y Zayas Bazan, son and namesake of the famous Cuban patriot and liberator, who is chief of staff of the Cuban army. Mme. Marti accompanied him, and they are at the New Willard.

The other official members are Lieut. Col. J. M. Laxman and Capt. Ernesto M. Tavin y Espinosa of the Cuban army; Commander Alberto de Carriarte y Velasquez, aide to President Menocal, Ensign Jose Vandergrut and Senor E. Boniche, civil secretary. They were accompanied from Havana by Lieut. Col. Edmund W. H. tenmayer, military attache to the American legation in Havana, and Lieutenant Commander Carlton H. Kear, of the United States Navy, de-

tailed as special instructor at the Cuban naval academy at Havana. Dr. de Cespedes entertained at luncheon at the Willard yesterday the officials who met the Cuban commission at Union Station on their arrival later in the afternoon.

HOUSTON ASKS FOR
SPEEDED FOOD LAWS

Declares Nation's Waste Annually
to \$700,000,000.

An estimate that the annual food waste in this country approximates \$700,000,000 and the statement that "if this waste is to be prevented it must be done by the housewives of the United States," was made before the House Committee of Agriculture today by Secretary Houston.

The Secretary of Agriculture appeared before the committee to urge early action on the food conservation bill introduced yesterday by Chairman Lester.

Mr. Houston explained the plans of the Department of Agriculture for handling the problems of the production, transportation and sale of foodstuffs. It is the utmost importance to be able to assure the farmers in these sections that there will be abundant labor for the harvest.

He is probably the most difficult

JACK LEE LOST COUNT OF CASES HE'S HANDLED

Special Prosecutor in Vawter Trial
"Interviewed" by Reporter.

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va., May 1.—Possibly the most interesting actor in the drama being enacted here in the trial of Charles E. Vawter for the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., outside the actual principals in the case, is "Jack" Lee, of Lynchburg, special prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Lee, who bears with distinction the title of citizen of the world, is one of Virginia's leading criminal lawyers, and generally is considered one of the strongest pleaders in the country.

He it was who acted for the defense in the famous McCue case at Charlottesville and he was one of the brilliant legal lights who fought a losing fight for Clarence Richeson, the minister who went to the death chair for murder of his "soul mate."

Only Conviction Cases.

And incidentally, in all his career, these are the only cases in which Mr. Lee acted for the defense in the brilliant legal lights who fought a losing fight for Clarence Richeson, the minister who went to the death chair for murder of his "soul mate."

Another highlight is the fact that the Vawter case is the first one which he has prosecuted in twenty years. He himself does not know how many he has defended in that time.

"I was trying to count up the other day," he remarked today. "I got as far as 244, and then had to give it up."

In the earlier part of his career, however, Mr. Lee was on the other side. He was Commonwealth attorney in Amherst county for eight years, resigning that position twenty-two years ago to go to Lynchburg. He has been at the bar thirty-three years.

Years Kind to Him.

In appearance he is about in the middle fifties, a man the passing years have treated lightly. Stocky in build, of medium height, and dapperly dressed, he creates the impression of prosperous comfort and virility. His face, lined but little, is crowned by an aura of smoothly parted and well-combed hair.

Through huge, horn-rimmed spectacles his eyes peer out, shrewd and humorous.

He is a magnetic personality, the kind that one can imagine awaying juries or mobs. And he is the soul of cordiality and good fellowship, but these qualities always are secondary to his professional impulses.

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LABOR MUST BE MOBILIZED.

"The Department of Agriculture has a plan to send into each of the States where labor is scarce an agent to co-operate with State central boards in preparing for the harvest. Something must be done to mobilize labor. By finding out just what the situation is in each State we can be of real assistance in extending aid through State commissioners of agriculture. We can, perhaps, induce laborers to move from one section to another as the time for the harvest comes around."

"It has been estimated," continued Mr. Houston, "that there are more than 2,000,000 boys in the cities and rural districts who could be utilized in the harvest. It might be well even to postpone the opening of the high schools in the fall in order to impress the boys into the work of gathering in the crops."

"The Department of Agriculture should be given funds and authority so that farm demonstration work could be greatly extended throughout the period of the war. The women of the country can be employed to some extent in harvesting the food supply and greatly in the conservation. It has been estimated that we waste annually \$700,000,000 worth of food. If this waste is prevented it must be done by the housewives of the country. The women control absolutely 85 per cent of the food consumption of the United States."

Bill Gives Broad Powers.

Other Government experts will follow Secretary Houston in advocating the stimulation of agriculture as a measure of national security and defense. The resolution at present under consideration will be followed by a supplemental measure or measures to further protect the people from food shortage and from excessive prices.

Broad powers are bestowed upon the Secretary of Agriculture under the Lever bill, and he is given general authority to regulate the distribution, storage, and transportation of foodstuffs and to establish a system of licenses for dealers in food if the situation demands. Licensees would be required to obey regulations of the Department of Agriculture, including those establishing reasonable prices, or would be subject to fine and imprisonment.

Don't Let Soap
Spoil Your Hair

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain multifaceted conditioned oil for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few cents will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt, and dandruff.—Adv.

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NEW RAIL ROUTE TO CHICAGO IS POSSIBLE

Old Dominion Trolley Road Would
Be One of the Links.

Linking of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad with the Western Maryland is expected to follow as a result of the purchase yesterday of controlling stock of the former by the Rockefeller.

The Rockefeller secured control by purchasing approximately \$11,000,000 of the 7 per cent prior lien stock, at a price thought to have been around 88 and accrued dividends.

It is believed in financial circles, that the Rockefeller, who already control the Western Maryland, contemplates linking the two roads as a part of a plan for a through route to Chicago. New York advises say it is the intention to make a line from Washington to Chicago by means of the connection of these roads, though exactly how this is to be done is not clear to those who know of the relation of the two properties.

There has been much talk of plans of the Washington and Old Dominion Line extending its system into Washington. It is understood that surveys have been made, but thus far no construction work has been started.

Colin H. Livingstone, president of the Washington and Old Dominion road, said today that the acquisition by the Rockefeller of the Wheeling and Lake Erie would in no wise affect the operations of the Washington and Old Dominion so far as he knew. Regarding the possibility of his road connecting with the Western Maryland he would make no comments other than that extensive surveys have been made through the territory separating the two lines.

The Wheeling and Lake Erie starts beyond Pittsburgh. The Western Maryland reaches Pittsburgh over the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, a New York Central property, which gives the routing of its Western traffic for Baltimore to the Western Maryland.

That the Wheeling and Lake Erie will be useful to the Western Maryland in the formation of a new trunk line to the West is well understood. It was one of the links contemplated by the Goulds when they acquired the Western Maryland from the city of Baltimore. By means of it and the then Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Company, the Western Maryland was to be connected with the Missouri Pacific, also a Gould property, and so a formidable rival to the East and West trunk lines was to be formed, with its Eastern terminus in Baltimore.

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